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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I write to oppose the giant telecom companies' petition for forbearance from the COPPER line sharing requirements of the landmark 1996 Telecommunications Act. I oppose their request to end all regulated wholesale access to the Unbundled Network Elements (Copper Pairs) of the Telephone Network.

California companies like Omsoft, SonicNet, CruzIO, LMI, Shasta.com, and Cal.Net, along with the remaining small ISPs across the nation will have their access to their main Internet Transport medium, the Public Switched Telephone System, (PSTN) completely shut off in 2 years.

If the petition is granted, I will be forced to work with only those companies that continually raise prices, sell my CPNI, scan and record my browsing data, and sell my history to advertisers. My only choice for the wire line Internet of the future will be two investor driven companies devoted to extracting as much profit from my internet that they are able. The last check they had on competitive pricing, and best practices, the local ISP, will be wiped out.

Combined with the end of Net Neutrality legislation, this severely restricts a free, open and decentralized Internet in the United States.

I rely on my local provider not just for personal access but also for my extensive volunteer work and my small home-based business that I continue part time in retirement.

Please do not approve the petition.

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